

# Council Reverts to Original Annexation Strategy

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CAR, TRUCK COLLIDE . . . Attendants from Wright's Ambulance Service help Raymond John Fields, 55, of 2311 W. Carson St., onto a stretcher after the car he was driving collided head-on with a huge Navy truck driven by Willie Bradley, 43, of San Pedro. The accident occurred at Arlington Ave. and Plaza del Amo Monday afternoon. Fields received many cuts on his face, hands, and forehead, but was not seriously hurt.

## No Residents In Revised Area

Torrance was back on its original annexation track today after the City Council acted Tuesday night to re-institute proceedings under the uninhabited method.

The city fathers adopted a resolution declaring the city's intention to annex about 6500 acres of property in the Palos Verdes Hills.

A hearing on the latest annexation proposal will be conducted by the Council at 8 p.m. on June 28, according to the resolution.

The resolution was adopted by the council after the body received a petition requesting annexation from Richard Evans, attorney representing the Great Lakes Carbon Corp. and affiliated firms. These companies own most of the property involved.

**Method Abandoned**  
Minutes before, the Council passed a resolution which abandoned earlier plans to annex much the same area under the more complex inhabited method.

Evans said the latest annexation proposal excludes parcels of property on which a number of registered voters reside. The presence of these registered voters eight more than the legal maximum of 11, and blocking counter-annexations by neighboring Palos Verdes Estates forced Torrance and Great Lakes to abandon its previous uninhabited proceedings and take up the inhabited method.

City Attorney James M. Hall said that the new move could result in annexation of the territory by late July or early August, if the Council approved, and there are no more legal blocks thrown in its path.

**Schools Included**  
A section of the resolution adopted by the Council Tuesday, specifies that the proposed annexation would bring the area into the Torrance Unified School District.

Great Lakes representatives and Torrance city officials have been discussing conditions under which the area would be accepted into the city.

These talks and the new annexation effort got under way after the Palos Verdes Estates City Council halted its counter-annexation, as was reported in last Thursday's issue of the HERALD.

Residents of the Rolling Hills area, have charged the Palos Verdes Council with a "sell-out." But the Torrance Council last Tuesday extended an olive branch to their Palos Verdes brethren by agreeing to ask the neighboring city's Council to a joint dinner to "iron out mutual problems."

**Law Not Applicable**  
Evans said he believes a law prohibiting cities from starting annexation proceedings of territory within a year after a previous bid for the same area failed would not apply in this case.

He explained that the law deals with instances where annexations have been voted down. The previous Torrance move under the uninhabited provisions was canceled because of a legal technicality.

However, a bill to repeal this waiting period now is before the State Assembly committee following passage by the Assembly.

**FIRST POLIO SHOT SERIES NEARLY DONE**

Polio shots in Torrance were proceeding on schedule after their resumption Monday, health officials indicated this week, with the first series nearly completed at most schools.

No final announcement of the starting date for the second series of shots has yet been announced.

**Electric Plane Stolen**  
He didn't notice it when it happened, Alonzo Billings at Key Shop and Rentals, 24207 Narbonne Ave., told police, but early this week he became aware that a \$70 portable electric plane had been removed from his shop. He believes the tool disappeared between May 13 and 15.

## SPEAKS TO LIONS

### Hanson Declares Council Should Vote Annexation

The Great Lakes Carbon Corp. will revert to its original proposed method of annexing its holding in the Palos Verdes peninsula to Torrance, Ivar O. Hanson, company representative, told the Torrance Lions Club Tuesday.

Since Palos Verdes canceled its plans to annex part of the area, he said, the firm will not seek an election, but merely use the method originally proposed—a vote of the Torrance City Council.

Boundaries will be redrawn, Hanson said, to exclude some of the uninhabited sections of the territory. The decision to annex should be made by the elected officials of Torrance, rather than the 19 residents in the area, who do not own the land they live on, he said.

Hanson reiterated that his firm plans to extend Hawthorne Ave. to the coast, to build a golf course, and to build up a "quality" residential district.

Fears of people in neighboring cities about the quality of homes in the area had been alleviated after conferences between elected officials and representatives of Great Lakes.

Hanson expressed hope that the annexation could be made in a short time.

## 1955 Community Event To Be Held July 16, 17

Torrance's Community Fair will take on a distinct western flavor this year, when a big rodeo will be the featured attraction.

According to Jack Phillips, chairman of the event, the fair and rodeo will be held on July 16 and 17 at 220th and Western Aves.

"The Wild West will be brought here for certain," Phillips said. "I don't know that there has been a rodeo in Torrance before."

For each of the two afternoon shows, four thousand seats will be available.

**Jaycees Sponsor**  
The Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the show for the first time alone this year. In previous years, it has been co-sponsored by the Senior Chamber.

It was announced yesterday that Mitzi Trimlev, Torrance High School Junior, had been chosen as a candidate for queen of the Community Fair by the JayCettes, the Junior Chamber auxiliary.

The JayCettes appointed Mrs. Jack Smith as Fair chairman, with Mrs. Dale Stanton as co-chairman. Mrs. William Sturgis heads the queen committee, assisted by Mrs. Howard Percy, Mrs. John Mangan, Mrs. Ed Karlow, and Mrs. Smith. Also helping with the fair will be Mrs. A. F. Kline, ticket chairman; Mrs. John Mangan, booth chairman; and Mrs. Karlow.

**Served as Attendant**  
An attendant to the Homecoming Queen at Torrance High last year, Mrs. Trimlev will enter North Torrance High School next fall. She is trying out for Song Queen.

The North Torrance Civic Assn. last week announced the selection of Norma Prange as their candidate for queen. To become Community Fair Queen, candidates must first be sponsored by a recognized Torrance service organization and sell fair tickets with the help of her backers. The winner will receive many prizes.



QUEEN CANDIDATE . . . Mitzi Trimlev, of 18429 Della Ave., was named as the JayCette candidate for Community Fair Queen this week. The brown-eyed miss is a junior at Torrance High School. With vital statistics of 54-23-32, she is five foot three. Her hobbies are tennis, dancing, sewing, and club activities.

## Lions Sponsor Drive to Sell American Flags

In a drive to have "Old Glory" flying from every home in Torrance, the local Lions Club is selling American flags this week.

Members of the local club are offering three by four foot stars and stripes with sewed stars, together with pole and accessories, according to Ruel Moulton, ways and means chairman. The proceeds from the sale will go toward the Lions charity and welfare fund. They will be offered in a number of local stores.

The drive is designed to give greater meaning to "Old Glory" and to recognize such national holidays as Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, and V-J Day," he said.

Lions also indicated that their recently-elected officers would be installed to take office on July 1.

Mott Farrell will replace Warren Hamilton as president, while other officers include:

Abe Robinson, first vice president; Pete Radisch, second vice president; Walt Imman, third vice president; Fred Born, secretary; Millt Pagel, treasurer; and William Delzell, tall twister.

New members of the board of directors are A. K. Peterson, and George Colburn, while Ruel Moulton, Jim Osborne, and Warren Hamilton are holdover members.

## Boy, 6, Bitten By Neighbor Dog

A Torrance child of six was bitten Tuesday by a neighbor's dog, as he reportedly was playing in his front yard.

The victim was Billy Joe Willard, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Willard, at 23216 Huber St.

The father notified police after the incident that his son had been bitten on the nose, mouth and hand.

The dog, a cocker spaniel belonging to Robert Pooler, 23216 Huber St., has been quarantined by the health department.

The boy was taken for treatment to Harbor General Hospital, but was not hospitalized.

A rabies inspector explained that in unprovoked biting cases the need for vigilance regarding possible rabies is more urgent than in unprovoked cases.

## School Areas Considered By Educators

A proposed plan for defining attendance areas for Riviera School and Newton School, which will be completed in September, was presented to the Torrance School Board Tuesday night.

Under the plan, all children living on Calle Mayor, and north and west of it would go to Newton School, except those in the Palos Verdes Apartments and the new tract adjoining them. This line would extend east to Wilmington Ave.

In the Riviera district would be all the children living behind the south property lines of Calle Mayor, plus the Palos Verdes Apartments, the new tract adjoining them, and the new Kissel tract.

The division was made, officials said, to make the two attendance districts roughly equal in size, with about 700 children in each. Since a new school, to be called Parkway, is being planned, the schedule was designed to afford a minimum of transfers between schools. A number of children now attending Riviera School will go to Newton next fall.

## Dental Group Dinner Meet Wednesday

Election of new officers and a talk by Mrs. Freda Dunwoodie on "Children's Dental Health," will highlight the third annual dinner meeting of the Torrance Dental Health Assn., next Wednesday, according to President Paul Diamond.

A representative of the third district Dental Health Assn. of Long Beach, Mrs. Dunwoodie will talk at the meeting, which begins at 6:30 at the Torrance High School cafeteria.

New officers will be chosen. Any organization is welcome to send representatives, but reservations must be in by Friday night. They can be made by calling FA 8-0540.

## Car Chrome Stolen

A thief got away with a chrome strip from the side of his car, parked in front of his residence at 23131 Doris Way, according to George M. Carey. The theft took place Monday night.

## YM, BONDS GET OK OF CHAMBER

The Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce have unanimously endorsed both the current YMCA drive for funds and the \$10 million school bond issue to be voted on at a special election, June 7.

Announcement of the board's action was made yesterday by Manager Tom Watson who said there were no dissenting votes on either proposition.

David M. Sowie, of the National Supply Company brought the school bonds issue for funds before the board and Director J. H. Paget, manager of the Newberry store, introduced a resolution placing the Chamber on record as endorsing the fund drive.

Director Arthur Otsea proposed the resolution of approval of the school bonds issue following a presentation of the schools' needs by Supt. J. H. Hull.

## Building Totals For Month Now At \$2.5 Million

Another \$5,000,000 building month was a possibility, as building permits for the first half of the month totaled \$2,640,285, according to Walter Bradford, senior clerk in the City Engineer's office.

The May total brings the year's figures to \$16,718,328.

Adding to the total were permits for 111 homes in the area between the Blvd. and Sepulveda Blvd. west of Hawthorne, with a total value of \$1,101,820, were granted to Milton Kauffman. An additional 47 homes in the same area were given permits. Presented by Kauffman, they were valued at \$452,790.

James A. Norris was given permits for 28 homes in the 3800 block on 173rd St., valued at \$189,010.

The Torrance Unified School District was given a \$47,852 permit for a lunch patio at Riviera School.

## Irwin Given Prison Term

Former Los Angeles Police Officer Thomas Rankin was sentenced to one to 10 years in state prison Monday for possessing opium.

Superior Judge David Coleman sentenced Rankin, who served on the Los Angeles police department for 20 years. He pleaded guilty to the charge. Rankin, 56, was arrested March 4, with Mrs. Ebbie Irwin, 43, in her San Pedro home.

Detectives said they found nearly \$20,000 in raw opium. Rankin, of 2001 W. 164th St., claimed he found the opium in a cardboard carton near the Mexican border. He said he used the opium for two years to ease the pain of arthritis.

Charges against Mrs. Irwin were dismissed.

## Yard Hose Pilfered

Theft of a 50 foot plastic hose from her residence at 13504 Ashley St. was reported by Anita Williams to Torrance police. The hose was stolen over the week end.

## Educators OK Selection of School Sites

The Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night authorized Superintendent J. H. Hull to meet with representatives of the Great Lakes Carbon Corp. to discuss possible school sites in the area considered for annexation to the city.

The company had indicated that two free school sites would be offered to the district in area in which houses will soon be completed. Local school officials had declined to discuss sites until the land became a part of the district.

Noting that annexation seems to be fairly certain, the board indicated that Hull could make tentative selections in the Palos Verdes area.

The board indicated that it was still opposed to the annexation, but would accept the responsibility if it was given to the district.

## Chace Seeking Expansion for Harbor Hospital

Initial step toward the expansion of Harbor General Hospital was taken by County Supervisor Burton W. Chace Tuesday, to secure clear title to the 76-acre site from the Federal Government.

Chace indicated that a seven-year improvement program for the facility includes construction of larger and more modern maternity wards, a half-million dollar out-patient clinic, and a 500 bed multiple story general hospital.

The site and its barracks type buildings, formerly occupied by the United States Army, were acquired by the County for \$1 from the War Assets Administration after World War II.

Lower, the Federal agreement retained for the Army a reversionary clause under which they could wrest the hospital from the County in the event of national emergency.

## City Fathers Act Against 'Litterbugs'

"Litterbugism" in the central shopping district was the target of action by the City Council this week.

The city fathers agreed to purchase 10 new trash containers for location in various parts of the downtown area to supplement bins already there.

City Manager George Stevens showed the council a map indicating where he thinks the receptacles should be placed for maximum effectiveness.

They will be marked "For Pedestrian Use," and city officials hope shoppers, will find them an inducement to halt littering of the streets and sidewalks.

Each of the containers will cost \$51, according to Stevens.

## Morris Named As President Of 'Y' Board

Ralph Morris of Rome Cable Corp. was elected yesterday as chairman of the Torrance YMCA Board Managers for 1955-56.

## Pacific Bowl Planners Discuss Proposed Site with Supervisor

Fear that the ideal site for the proposed Pacific Bowl might be lost prompted a delegation of representative citizens last week to meet with County Supervisor Burton W. Chace at his office in the Hall of Records building.

Attending the conference were Elyse Aehle, president of the Pacific Bowl Assn.; Ivar O. Hanson, general manager of the Palos Verdes Corporation; John De Groen, president of the Musicians' Union; Roscoe Sevier, president of the Harbor District Chamber of Commerce; King Williams, representing newspapers of the area; Mrs. Irving O. Austin of the Los Angeles Music Commission; Dr. A. D. Krems, representing the Coordinating Councils and Samuel E. Lunden, chairman of the Pacific Bowl site committee.

The cultural center and regional park is proposed at a natural site near Western Ave., between Highway 101 and Palos Verdes Drive. It could accommodate an outdoor amphitheater, picnic areas, art and historic museums and allowing parking for several thousand cars.

**Is Federal Agency**  
The land is now in the possession of the County Housing Authority, having been given to the federal group during the war for emergency housing purposes by the Palos Verdes Corp.

The authority plans to offer the acreage for sale to the highest private bidder and hopes to realize some \$180,000.

At last week's gathering those present argued that it was the original intention of the donors that the land always would be used for a worthwhile public

**WHITE DIES AFTER STRUCK BY AUTO**  
A 79-year-old Torrance man died in Park Emergency Hospital Monday night from injuries suffered when he was struck by a car at Freeman St. and Redondo Beach Blvd., in Hawthorne.

Edward White, of 4158 Redondo Beach Blvd., died after being struck by the car, driven by Thomas M. Wilson, 30, of Redondo Beach, who was not held.